

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

New York is overrun by hundreds of unemployed.

The Twenty-fourth Japanese diet has just convened.

President Roosevelt is hunting turkeys at Pine Knot, Va.

State Treasurer Steel, of Oregon, has filed his new bond in the sum of \$635,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers plan a resumption of work for fully 10,000 former employes during January.

Railroads throughout the country have shown the effects of the financial panic by a curtailment of orders for rolling stock.

At a meeting of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' association in San Francisco, it was voted to stop gambling among members.

A passenger train collided head-on with a freight near Lenox, Mich. Five train men met death. All passengers escaped with but slight injuries.

In a raid on Chinese gambling houses Portland police secured \$10,166.90 in coin and currency and \$4,446.09 of exchange on Hongkong banks. According to law this money may go into the state treasury.

Raleigh, N. C., has voted prohibition.

Dewey has just celebrated his 70th birthday.

Officers and crews of the big fleet are enjoying life at Trinidad.

Heney says special privilege is the root of political corruption.

Reports of New York banks show a recovery from the money crisis.

Accused members of the first Russian donna deny they advised rebellion.

Indiana Republicans have formally endorsed Fairbanks as their candidate for president.

It is said a dark horse has been selected to fill Bristol's place as United States attorney for Oregon.

Burning snowsheds near Truckee, Cal., has greatly delayed Southern Pacific trains between Portland and San Francisco.

Latest developments in the row between naval factions brings out the fact that it is over ranking of officers. Two constructions of the revised statutes is possible and each faction claims it is right.

Five men were killed while working in a Paris subway.

St. Joseph, Mo., has started a crusade against loan sharks.

The New York Republican club has declared for Hughes for president.

All signs of yellow fever has been driven from the Panam canal zone.

Puget sound steamboat men will out the pay of their engineers January 1.

Lawson says only the re-election of Roosevelt can avert a national disaster.

A severe sleet storm has demoralized telegraphic communication around Chicago.

The head of the Methodist Book concern calls labor unions the worst of tyrants.

The Bank of Calistoga, Calistoga, Cal., has closed. Officers of the institution say it will reopen.

Heney is in Washington arranging with Attorney General Bonaparte for the Oregon land fraud trials, which will begin at Portland January 13.

A detachment of 900 Chinese soldiers in Manchuria murdered their officers and pillaged the neighboring villages. Cavalry has been sent after them.

Philadelphia is facing a street car strike.

The first woman jury in Colorado has decided against a woman.

Secretary Taft says self government is succeeding very well in the Philippines.

New York bank statements show a complete recovery from the financial stringency.

Goldfield mine owners are trying to prevail on the president to allow the troops to remain.

Work is progressing slowly at the Darr mine, Jacobs Creek, Pa. Only 13 bodies have been recovered.

The Hamilton Powder works at Nanaimo, B. C., blew up, shaking the surrounding country badly, but no one was hurt.

In an address at Chicago Attorney General Bonaparte said all the rich law breakers seemed to think the law exempted them and they should be immune from prosecution.

A Hawaiian official has written an angry letter to the Japanese consul, saying among other things that the mikado's subjects are nuisances wherever they go. The governor has extorted an apology.

The rush of aliens to Europe has subsided.

EXPRESS CHARGES HIGH.

Wells-Fargo Accused of Discrimination Against Merchants.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, today held a hearing of the complaint of the California Commercial association, composed of 29 mercantile firms in this city, charging the Wells-Fargo Express company with concealing from the public tariff schedules that had been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington and with making unjust and discriminatory rates. The actual question involved, however, was whether or not the quantity rate of 8 cents a pound from New York to San Francisco for shipments of 10,000 to 20,000 pounds applied to bulk or assembled shipments, gathered and forwarded by a forwarding agency to one concern or association organized for the purpose of getting the lower rate, the shipment ultimately intended for numerous consignees who were designated by numbers of the labels to the one consignee.

The charges of discrimination are based upon the refusal of the express company to transport a shipment of 16,000 pounds consisting of 443 packages, from New York to the California Commercial association in San Francisco last August, at the bulk of quantity rate of \$8 per hundred pounds, the company charging the regular package rate. It is also alleged that the express company charged a higher rate than that published and filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, the latter being willfully concealed and hidden from the public. This complaint avers that it is a distinct violation of the interstate commerce act.

In answer, the express company denies all the allegations made, and charges that the association resorted to subterfuge in order to extort unjust discrimination in its own favor, and based its refusal to grant a quantity rate upon the shipment in question on the ground that, while consigned to one consignee, it was intended for more than a score of firms.

EXPATRIATES IN CHINA.

Judge Wilsey Wants Congress to Make Laws for Them.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Judge L. R. Wilsey, of the United States court at Shanghai, against whom charges of improper conduct of his court have been preferred at Washington, arrived in San Francisco this morning on the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria from the Orient, and after a stay of two days in this city will proceed to the national capital. On board the Manchuria with Judge Wilsey was F. M. Brooks, a lawyer, who has filed an action for \$50,000 damages at Honolulu, charging the head of the court in the Far East, together with his clerk, L. R. Hinkel, with conspiracy in stopping the practice of Brooks in Shanghai. Judge Wilsey denied that he was going to Washington to meet the charges preferred against him.

"I am going to Washington," he said, "to aid in drawing an act that will extend to Americans in China a more complete body of laws than they now have. The laws now in force comprise little more than is embodied in the common law and are so indefinite as to be absolutely useless. It will be suggested to congress that the California code of laws be made to extend to China, wherein such laws are applicable."

"In addition to this matter, I am journeying East that congress may be asked for an appropriation for a proper Federal building at Shanghai, where the American consulate and courts may be under one roof."

Backed by Wealthy Men.

New York, Dec. 31.—United States District Attorney Stimson said today that he had been served with the papers filed in the United States District court by counsel for Oscar W. Reid, a member of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry. The plaintiff sued the government to recover pay lost through his discharge from the army, but the attorneys in the case have admitted that they were retained by "wealthy gentlemen of New England," whose real object is to determine the legality of the president's action.

Raises Rent of Hot Springs.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Hot Springs, Ark., says: Announcement was made yesterday that the United States would double the price for its healing hot waters after the first of the year, and that all bathhouse leases also would be doubled. A protest will be sent at once to Washington. The hot water now is dispensed by the government at \$30 per annum for each tub supplied. The bathhouse owners state they are unable to meet the raise.

Headquarters Are Secured.

Denver, Dec. 31.—The headquarters of the Democratic National convention will be at the Brown Palace hotel, which has registered a request from Chairman Tom Taggart, of the committee, through Secretary Mills, of the Convention league of Denver, to reserve 50 additional rooms, besides those already reserved. As soon as these reservations are made the other hotels of the city will begin to make reservations.

Garnets in New York Bedrock.

New York, Dec. 31.—That New York City rests on a vast mass of garnets is the discovery of Ralph E. Morgan, an English mineralogist, now visiting here. In a mass of rock thrown up from a subway excavation, he discovered a large garnet. On the dumping ground at Sheepshead bay he found a number of excellent garnets.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FULL OF SUGAR.

Good Report on Klamath Country Sugar Beets.

Klamath Falls.—Frank Ira White of the Enterprise Land & Investment company has just received reports from the department of agriculture relative to samples of sugar beets raised on the Enterprise tract. The beets were taken from the same tract as were those sent to Professor Knisely some time ago, but were fully matured, while the others were not. Professor Knisely's test showed from 17.40 to 19.35 per cent pure sugar, while the department test is one or two per cent higher, with a very high degree of purity.

These beets produced 3,286 pounds to the quarter-acre tract, or nearly 17 tons to the acre. The department of agriculture in a letter to Mr. White says Klamath county's sugar beets are of the most excellent quality and that prospects are bright for the industry in this county.

Many Make Own Way.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon just made shows that between 60 and 70 per cent of the men in the university this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college. The greater part of the earnings is done, of course, during the summer. The canvass shows that, since the vacation is comparatively short, the men get employment in the harvest fields, mills, mines and labor of various kinds paying good wages. It shows also that the engineering students find no trouble in getting work in their line. The engineering department has a large number of graduates in the employ of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Northern Pacific and the government reclamation service, and the majority of the engineering students are engaged before the session closes in June. A number of students are partly earning their own way during the session. The university maintains an employment bureau under the direction of the registrar, but it has not been able this fall to supply all calls made on it for students to work.

Wheat Trade Stagnant.

Pendleton.—Business is dull in the local wheat market, the price being down, and the farmers are unwilling to part with the holdings at a figure that is 10 cents lower than what they could have secured early in the fall. Until recently the local quotation on a bushel has been 67c, but another drop of a cent has occurred. However, wheat is said to be worth 68c in Pendleton, and at least one buyer is offering that figure. Others declare they are out of the market for the time being.

Hood River Apple Crop.

Hood River.—Complete returns from Hood River's 1907 apple crop show that the growers will receive in round numbers \$200,000 for their product, notwithstanding the money trouble, car shortage and reduced crop. This is approximately what the Hood River crop brought last year when it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 boxes more, and is accounted for by the fact that the apples brought a much larger average price. The entire crop is now placed at 110,000 boxes.

More Traveling Libraries.

Salem.—The Oregon Library commission held its regular session last week at the commission's rooms in the state house. W. B. Ayer and Miss Isom, members of the commission, were in attendance, besides the governor. It was decided to buy 25 more traveling libraries, making 90 in all, that will be placed in circulation as a result of the commission's first year's work. It was decided to establish an exchange station for Eastern Oregon at Baker City.

Fall Pack Poor.

Astoria.—During the fall fishing season there were six cold storage plants and 11 canneries in operation on the various streams along the Oregon coast. The season there as at nearly all other points was a comparatively poor one. The total pack of pickled fish put up by the cold storage plants was about 880 tonnes, while the total output of canned salmon packed by the canneries was about 104,500 cases, "as they run."

To Attend Scientists Meet.

Corvallis.—A. L. Knisely, Federal chemist for Oregon, expects to start East immediately after Christmas, to attend the midwinter meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical society at Chicago. He also expects to visit the Chicago, New York and Washington pure food laboratories before coming back to Portland, which will be his headquarters.

Select by Conventions.

Salem.—In answer to an inquiry from Chairman G. A. Westgate, of the Republican state central committee, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he says that delegates to the national conventions and candidates for presidential elector must be chosen at conventions and not under the direct primary.

Shut Down on Keno Canal.

Klamath Falls.—The reclamation service has closed down on the Keno canal on account of the wet weather, keeping only the derrick gang and the engineering corps. The shutdown was made necessary on account of the wet weather.

INCREASE IN TILLABLE ACRES

Umatilla County Shows Big Gain in Five Years.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county's rapid development is shown in the recent summary of the taxable property in the county, recently furnished the secretary of state by Assessor Strain. This summary, compared with the one made five years ago, shows the number of tillable acres as increased by 90,000. The total number of acres of arable land in the county at present is 46,000. The number of acres classified as non-tillable is given at 688,144.

The figures for the latter do not, of course, include the forest reserves and other government land not subject to taxation. The amount of non-tillable land in the county is constantly increasing, also, by reason of the fact that so much government land is being taken up and decided to settlers.

The increase in the number of tillable acres is due in large measure to the different irrigation projects which are being completed. This is not the only source of increase, however, as thousands of acres of land in the western and southwestern parts of the county are now plowed up and growing wheat that a few years ago were considered worthless for anything more valuable than range for stock. Much of it was given over entirely to sagebrush and jackrabbits. The Pilot Rock and Birch creek countries have experienced the greatest development in this line.

Each Farm to Be Named.

Grants Pass.—Among the business transacted at the Josephine County Fruitgrowers' union at its last meeting was the adopting of individual letters and letter paper, upon which will be designated the name of the fruit farm and the brands packed by the grower. It was thought best for each member to have some appropriate name for his fruit tract, and by inserting it upon letter sheets it would also give prominence to individual effect, and at the same time give the union greater notice and strength, which would more favorably attract the buyer to this locality.

Salem Hopgrowers Sign.

Salem.—Thirty-seven out of the 42 hopgrowers who attended the meeting of growers here last week signed the by-laws, prepared for a Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' union. These growers represent about 800 acres of hops. A local organization was formed with J. H. Fletcher as chairman and James Winstanley as secretary. Attorney A. L. Shinn, of Sacramento, explained the plan and purposes of the proposed organization to the meeting.

Railroad Buys Laidlaw.

Laidlaw.—The rumor has been rife in this community for some time that the Laidlaw townsite had been sold to the Mount Hood Railroad company, but until now these rumors could not be verified. The verification comes from the fact that the abstracts of title are now being prepared at Prineville preparator to a formal transfer of the property to the purchasing company.

To Indict Nevada Sheepsman.

Pendleton.—Through the efforts of Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, indictments will be returned against P. Anderson, a millionaire sheepsman of Nevada, for bringing flocks over the state line into Oregon without first giving notice to the state sheep inspector.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c. Oats—No. 1 white, 42c; gray, 42c. Barley—Feed, 27c; brewing, 43c; rolled, 43c. Corn—Whole, 33c; cracked, 33c. Hay—Valley Timothy, No. 1, 16c; Eastern Oregon Timothy, 20c@25c; clover, 15c; chest, 15c; grain hay, 15c@16c; alfalfa, 15c; vetch, 14c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c@37c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2c@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6 1/2c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6c 1/2c; pickers, 6c 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 10c per pound; mixed chickens, 10c; spring chickens, 10c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12c@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, choice, 18c@19c; geese, live, 8c@9c; ducks, 12c@13c; pigeons, 11c@12c; squabs, 2c@3c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen. Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, 1.25 per box; cranberries, 49.50@12 per barrel. Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, 41c per sack; beans, 7c@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@81c per pound; celery, 43.25c@5.50 per crate; onions, 15c@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8c@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 41.50 per box. Onions—1.75@1.85 per hundred. Potatoes—50c@65c per hundred. delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 42.75@3 per hundred. Hops—1907, 57c per pound; olds, 1c@3c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 18c@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18c@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29c@30c per pound.

LET TROOPS STAY.

Senator Newlands Thinks Goldfield Needs Them.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Newlands, of Nevada, is endeavoring to prevent withdrawal of the government troops from Goldfield until some other means of protection is had. Today he called upon Secretary Taft at the War department and strongly urged that execution of the order issued by the secretary for the withdrawal of the troops be suspended until he has had an opportunity to communicate with Governor Sparks and induce him to call the Nevada legislature together.

Mr. Taft has been advising with Secretary Root on this subject and tonight communicated with the president at Pine Knot on the subject. There was every disposition to refrain from breaking in upon Mr. Roosevelt's privacy at this time, and the only excuse for doing so is found in the fact that, unless the original order is modified, the troops must leave Goldfield before the president returns to Washington.

The secretary declined to state what course he had recommended in the matter, nor would he say whether he had heard from the president in turn. Secretary Lobb said the White House was entirely without advice from Pine Knot, as the Goldfield question was being handled by the War department.

Administration officials feel that the present situation in the matter of Goldfield's case cannot be continued, in view of the doubt that exists as to the constitutional and legal right of the executive to employ any part of the regular army in Nevada under present conditions.

HENEY GIVES FULTON A DIG.

Says All Implicated in Land Frauds Are Senator's Friends.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In an interview telegraphed from New York, Francis J. Heney is quoted as saying: "I hope to close these Oregon cases with Mr. Bristol in two or three weeks."

Inquiry at the Department of Justice failed to elicit definite information as to whether or not Mr. Bristol would assist Mr. Heney with the prosecution. If no new district attorney is appointed by the time the land trials begin, Mr. Bristol may assist Mr. Heney, but there appears to be an expectation that a new man will be available before then, in which case Mr. Bristol will be out and have nothing to do with the land trials.

In the same interview Mr. Heney takes another rap at Senator Fulton. He denies having implicated Mr. Fulton in the land frauds, but adds:

"All of these persons who have been implicated in organized land frauds are friends of Senator Fulton. Therefore it appears whimsical to me that Senator Fulton should, through the power of senatorial courtesy, be able to defeat the nomination of Mr. Bristol, who is capable of making it unpleasant for the yet unconvicted land thieves in Oregon."

UTES RAID SOUTHERN UTAH

Pen Up Cowboys and Band of Cattle in Canyon.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 30.—Colorado Ute Indians are traveling in bands in Southern Utah, raiding sheep and cattlemen, according to a report received by Governor John C. Cutler. According to this report, a small band of Indians attacked three cowboys near Yendure, San Juan county, on December 23, and at the muzzle of rifles compelled them to drive the cattle back into the canyon from which they were trailing onto the winter range, threatening to kill them unless they did so. Cowboys and cattle are still confined to the canyon.

The governor will take up the matter with the authorities at Washington, as according to a ruling of the commissioner of Indian affairs the Colorado or Southern Utes are forbidden to enter Utah.

Attack on Wells-Fargo.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Before Interstate Commerce Commissioner F. K. Lane tomorrow charges of illegal rate making made against the Wells-Fargo Express company by the California Commercial association will be heard. The Commerce association, composed of prominent drygoods houses in the city, alleges that the express company has violated the interstate commerce law of 1906 in charging more than the published rate, and that it has kept the rates filed with the commission hidden from the public, contrary to the law.

Will Liquidate With Profit.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—"All holders of stock in the State National bank will receive from \$150 to \$200 per share for their stock and all depositors will be paid in full," was the official announcement today of W. Sparkerson, counsel for the institution, whose directors have called a stockholders' meeting to decide whether the bank shall go out of business. The bank has been declared solvent by National Bank Examiner Cooper.

Radical Decision in Hamburg.

Hamburg, Dec. 30.—The suit of the harbor authorities against the Portworkers' union, growing out of the recent dock strike, has resulted in a decision of the widest importance against the latter. The union is forbidden in the future to interfere with the introduction of strike breakers, and a penalty of 1,500 marks is provided for each instance in which a conviction is obtained on the charge. The union has entered an appeal.

Negroes Begin Suits.

New York, Dec. 30.—Papers in a case to test the legality of the discharge of the private companies B, C and D of the 25th United States infantry (colored), following the disorders in the streets of Brownsville a year ago, have been prepared by a law firm of this city.

MOB CHINESE STORES

Mounted Police Called Upon to Quell Canadians.

DUE TO FALSE MURDER STORY

Baseless Rumor That White Man is Wounded Arouses Fury of White People.

Lethbridge, Alberta, Dec. 28.—Because they believed that a prominent citizen had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant, 1,500 men raided the Oriental quarter late last night and left a wreck behind. Restaurants and huddies and entire fronts of buildings being reduced to splinters. The regular police of the town were powerless and a brigade of mounted police had to be called out to quell the riot.

It was just after 9 o'clock that the mob began to form. The story had got abroad that Harry Smith, one of the best known ranchers of the cattle district of which this city is the center, had been fatally wounded in a restaurant. Curiously enough, neither Smith nor any one else had been hurt, but even the police were misled by the tale and two Orientals were placed under arrest, charged with his murder.

An indignant mob gathered opposite the eating house and there was talk of lynching. Suddenly someone threw a rock, which smashed a front window, and in a moment the crowd was beyond control. Bricks and stones were used and, when the doors had been broken, the tables and chairs and dishes were smashed. The Columbia and Alberta restaurants were literally wrecked. What could not be conveniently broken by the few men who could get inside was passed out to the street to the mob in waiting, and there demolished.

At 10 o'clock a detachment of mounted police appeared and the crowd scattered. Hundreds of the rioters merely shifted the scene of their pillaging. Three blocks away, opposite the Arlington hotel, they cleaned out another Chinese restaurant and badly handled two Orientals who were captured within.

Mayor Galbraith, who had rushed to the scene when the mounted police were first called, delivered a speech asking good citizens to disperse. The crowd listened to him and to Magistrate Townsend, who spoke later. All possible damage having been done, the crowd went home.

Five of the rioters have been arrested, but it is doubtful if they will be prosecuted.

OLD DOCUMENTS FOUND.

Papers Taken From Lieutenant Pike Come to Light.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—What is considered a very important historical discovery has resulted from the efforts of Dr. Hoerbert E. Belton, the American historian, who is here engaged in research work under the auspices of the Carnegie institute of Washington. The discovery consists in the unearthing in this city of 18 of the 21 documents taken from the possession of Lieutenant Zubulon N. Pike, of the United States Army, by Spanish soldiers in 1806, when he was captured while making his famous trip up the Arkansas and Missouri rivers, visiting the Osage and Comanche Indians, at the instance of General James Wilkinson, then governor of Louisiana.

The whereabouts of the other three documents cannot be learned. So important is the discovery considered in the United States that Secretary Root has just sent Dr. Belton his congratulations.

Find Bodies by Hundred.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 28.—Rapid progress is being made in the removal of bodies from the Darr mine. All of the entries, except No. 27, have been cleared and a total of 124 bodies brought from the mine. A number of other bodies have been located and it is expected that they will be brought to the surface during the night. In entry No. 29, where the explosion apparently took place, numerous bodies were found. The pit cars were blown to pieces. It is said fully 100 bodies will be removed from entry No. 27, as yet unexplored.

Turkey May Have Famine.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions has received advice from the interior of Turkey showing unusually severe famine conditions. Bread is double its former price and other necessities are four or five times higher than 15 years ago. The British consul at Bitlis reports that several hundred persons in the Moush plain and Bularik districts probably will starve during the winter unless relieved soon.

Telephones for Submarines.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Following elaborate experiments to prevent the recurrence of accidents to submarine vessels, the minister of the navy has issued orders that all submarines be fitted out with detachable telephone buoys, which, in case of accident will permit of communication with the surface.

Triumph of Roosevelt.

London, Dec. 28.—The Times in an editorial this morning discusses the prospect of peace in Central America resulting from the peace conference held at Washington, which it regards as a great triumph for President Roosevelt's diplomacy.